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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of:       | ) | Examiner: W. Bashore    |
| Richard Humpleman, et al.   | ) |                         |
|                             | ) | Group Art Unit: 2176    |
| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS   | ) |                         |
| FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO-    | ) | Reply to Office Action  |
| TREE BUILDER                | ) | Dated: February 6, 2004 |
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Commissioner of Patents  
PO BOX 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated February 6, 2004.

Reexamination and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.